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Information

1. The mortar regiment of Division Eggesin was organized into the headquarters, the command platoon, and the 1st, 2d and 3d Bns, each of which had three companies. The regiment had about 55 officers and 550 enlisted men. It was equipped with about 45 x 120-mm mortars and about 100 H-3A and Phaenomen trucks. Officers of the unit included Lieutenant Colonel **August Schaefer**, regimental commander; Captain Hess (fnu), deputy for general affairs; Captain Kneiphoff (fnu), chief of staff; Captain Kastner (fnu), political officer; and Captain **Fritz Salchow**, deputy for supply.
2. The individual billets in the Karpin installation, in sequence from the north to the south, quartered the mortar regiment and an engineer unit, the howitzer artillery regiment, the 1st Mecz Regt, the 2d Mecz Regt, and the 3d Mecz Regt. 1
3. Two tank units and a tank training unit were located in Spechtberg, and an AAA regiment was stationed at Altwarp.
4. On 14 November, most soldiers of the AAA unit in Altwarp which was commanded by Rau (fnu) were still absent for harvest. About 100 men who were observed at fatigue duty and clearing work were left in the installation. Officers received training with guns and also held record practices with submachine guns and machine guns. The numbers of guns and vehicles in stock were as previously observed. 2
5. Six officers of the unit which was commanded by Rau toured the Rostock district in an effort to recruit volunteers. Captain Knut (fnu) attended a conference in Erfurt. Officers were allegedly to be reassigned shortly. 3

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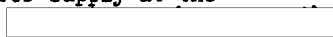
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6. The strength of and the number of vehicles in stock at the driving-school unit were as previously observed. Activities observed included trucks driving and theoretical instruction. 25X1
7. The brick walls of the workshop were completed and the tank depot was not far from completion. It was allegedly planned to construct two other barracks buildings in 1955.
1. Comment. The engineer unit which is reported from Karpin is the engineer battalion of Mechanized Division Eggesin. The section which is occupied by the howitzer artillery regiment also quarters the motorcycle battalion. 25X1
2. Comment. It is believed that the officers are given training under a preparatory program for the new training year. 25X1
3. Comment. Captain Knut (fnu) is deputy for supply at the A/A regiment which is commanded by Rau (fnu).  The meeting was presumably held at the Erfurt supply service school. 25X1

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